

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SJR 145**

March 24, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Proposes amending Article VI, Section 5, of the Tennessee Constitution relative to the appointment of the Attorney General and Reporter for the state who shall hold office for a period coterminous with the Governor's term of office; however, prior to assuming the duties of office, the Attorney General shall be confirmed by Senate resolution adopted by a majority of the total membership of the Senate. Upon ratification of the proposed amendment at the November 2014 general election, the Justices of the Supreme Court shall retain power to fill any vacancy arising in the Office of Attorney General until January 17, 2015, at which time the proposed amendatory language shall become effective. Resolves that this amendment be referred to the 108<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and that this resolution be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Tennessee Constitution.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$18,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in statutorily designated newspapers as required by this resolution.
- According to the Secretary of State, the statewide average cost to publish the last three constitutional amendments was \$17,700.
- Because Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election, this publication would occur in the spring of 2012.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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